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Appointment of Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu as Judge of the Court of Small Causes.

* 194 *Q.*—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the principles under which Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu was selected for appointment as a Judge of the Court of Small Causes;

(*b*) whether he was a prominent member of the Justice Party, and whether he was recommended to the Government by any prominent leader of the Justice Party;

(*c*) whether there were other candidates for the vacancy, whose merits were considered by the Government;

(*d*) if the answer to clause (*c*) is in the affirmative, the names of such candidates, and the reasons, why Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu was preferred ultimately by the Government;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently come to an understanding with certain leaders of the Justice Party in the matter of appointments to higher services;

(*f*) if the answer to clause (*e*) is in the affirmative, what is the understanding that has been arrived at, and with whom, and whether this had anything to do with the assurance of co-operation with the Simon Commission by the Justice Party; and

(*g*) if the answer to (*e*) is in the affirmative, whether Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu's appointment as Judge of Court of Small Causes was in pursuance of the understanding arrived at?

A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) Out of a number of candidates Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu was considered the most suitable for the appointment.

(*e*), (*f*) & (*g*) There was no such or any other understanding.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member who the other candidates were for this appointment?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Having regard to the feeling of those unsuccessful candidates, I shall not give out their names"

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know why the hon. the Law Member fights shy of the feeling of unsuccessful candidates?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Because I have respect for the feelings of others."

Proposed direct recruitments to district and subordinate judgeships.

* 195 *Q.*—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government are going to make direct recruitments to district judgeships and subordinate judgeships and if so, how many posts in each?

A.—There is no such proposal before the Government at present.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government have submitted any rules or schemes to the Government of India for the recruitment of subordinate and district judges?"

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No scheme has yet been submitted."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Are there any rules under the consideration of the Government of Madras ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No such proposal is before the Government. It is clearly stated in the answer given there."

Introduction of Kanarese as the court language in Nilgiris district.

* 196 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Badaga, Kurumba, Kota and Toda languages spoken in the district of Nilgiris are dialects of Kanarese (vide Linguistic Survey of India, Volume IV) ;

(b) whether they are aware that according to the census of 1921 out of a total population of 126,519 in the district the number speaking Kanarese and the aforesaid dialects is 60,621 whilst the Tamil-speaking population which is mostly immigrant is but 39,032 ; and

(c) if so, why Kanarese is not the language of the law courts and the schools, whilst Tamil is ?

A.—(a) Government are aware that such an opinion is held regarding Badaga and Kurumba. They have not heard before that Thoda or Kota were supposed to have any affinity to Kanarese.

(b) From the Census Report of Madras for 1921, the numbers of persons speaking Kanarese and 'other languages' are 14,753 and 46,090 respectively. The total is 60,843 which is much the same figure as that quoted in the question.

(c) As regards the Law Courts the present arrangement so far as the Government is aware best suits the convenience of the majority of the litigants : at all events no complaints on the subject have been received. As regards schools the rules provide for instructions being given in the vernacular of the pupils wherever this is practicable.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" In view of the statistics given in answer to this question, may I ask the hon. the Law Member whether he will consider this question of introducing Kanarese language in law courts and schools ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir, there was no special representation whatsoever from the people of the district."

Labour

Tour of the Labour Commissioner in June last.

* 197 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Labour left Madras on tour in June or July this year ; and

(b) whether at that time labour troubles and strikes seemed imminent in some of the textile mills in Madras ?